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## POLICE BAFFLED BY THE MYSTERY

All Eyes Turned to Detectives Working Poisoning Case.

## NEW EVIDENCE FOUND YESTERDAY

Neighbor Declares That Oldest Child Spent Part of Day at Her House, Mrs. Perkins to the Contrary—Mrs. McDowell Asserts Innocence.

Keenest interest now centers in the mysterious poisoning case, and all eyes are turned upon the work of the detectives and regular police. The lives of two children, innocent of all wrong and incapable of doing anything that could merit death at the hands of anyone, have been sacrificed, and a coroner's jury, after painstaking work, has declared that poison was criminally administered by some one not known to it through any evidence adduced before it. This verdict cleared the atmosphere so far as the cause of the deaths of the children was concerned, and at the same time put it squarely up to the police department of the city. The reading of the police report for the next move. Chief Werber's men have so far been baffled, but have not been idle. They have made a thorough, but vain, search for the merchant who sold the rat paste to any one of the persons to whom it would be possible to ascribe the double crime. It is understood now that they have obtained the testimony of the standers that the accusations made on the stand are reasonable, if not correct, and are doing all they can to make out a case. An arrest—that is the next step, and for it the public is keenly on the alert. It will depend entirely on what can be found beforehand to make out a case before capture is made. The coroner's jury found itself unwarranted in relying implicitly on the testimony of the standers before it. Some of the witnesses were undoubtedly true, but others were not. This circumstance kept the jury from accepting the responsibility. Independent investigation made yesterday by Times-Dispatch men brings into serious question the accuracy of certain testimony of Mrs. Perkins, mother of the children. Statements from some of the witnesses do not tally before the coroner's jury, and who may be seen and who will make affidavit to what they say, directly contradict a part of the evidence of Mrs. Perkins, whose two children, according to the opinion of the coroner's jury, were criminally poisoned with phosphorus. Both children were negro women, but in this instance no reason can be found for either telling anything but the truth in the matter.

Arsena Lemus, a negro girl who lives with her uncle, Arsenio, in Washington, a butler in the home of Dr. W. H. Taylor, who had a lot of sewing done at Mrs. Perkins's, is positive in her declaration that Mrs. Perkins asked her to assist in giving the family dog of the Perkins household a dose of arsenic. Mrs. Perkins refused to do this, James Cheatham, a negro boy, was asked to kill the dog. He, too, said Arsenio Lemus declined to administer the arsenic and vouch for the canine, but volunteered to take the dog to his home and treat it. "A few days after Mrs. Perkins asked me to give the dog the stuff I went to her house to have a waist made, and she told me that the dog was dead. In a few minutes I saw the canine in the back yard wrapped up in a bag. Only his head was out, and he was trying to walk. I called Mrs. Perkins's attention to the dog, and she called her children and told them that the dog had come to life again," says the girl.

**Did Go Elsewhere.**  
Mrs. Perkins told the coroner's jury when she was under oath that Octavia Blakey, her five-year-old child, never went from the house except when it was with another one of the children. She also said that it went to Mrs. McDowell's on the morning preceding its death, and that it did not go anywhere else. A colored man named Chambers, who is a driver, lives at No. 127 North Sixth Street, a square and a half from the Perkins' home, and according to the Chambers woman, little Octavia Blakey was accustomed to coming to the house and playing with her little boy. "The little child was here on the Monday morning prior to her death. She

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## PARTY LOST IN STORM ON A BIG PRECIPICE

Wyoming Tourists Hang to Shrubs Where Slip Meant Instant Death.

(By Associated Press.)  
SHERIDAN, WYO., October 29.—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chancy, Harry Linder and Guide Joseph Maloney have returned from a trip into one of the Horn Mountains, where they passed through a thrilling experience. A snowstorm came on at night and they lost their way while on the side of a steep mountain. Unable to proceed they were compelled to spend the night in their perilous position, digging their feet into the ground and hanging to small shrubs. A few feet below them was the edge of a high precipice. Throughout the long night they remained in this position, at times becoming almost exhausted by the cold and the terrible strain on the nerves. The ground became slippery with snow and to let go meant certain death. When morning came the guide was able to take them out of their undesirable position to safety.

## PRESIDENT WILL END TRIP TO-DAY

Floating White House Expected to Arrive in Roads To-Day.

## WILL THEN EMBARK FOR WASHINGTON

Rapid Fire of Wireless Messages Keeps Roosevelt in Close Touch With Conditions From New Orleans to the Nation's Capitol.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., October 29.—The wireless station on Anastasia Island has been in communication with the cruiser West Virginia at intervals during last night and to-day. Messages during the night conveyed news that the President was well and thoroughly enjoying the voyage, with fine weather up to that time. The cruiser had not encountered rough weather until shortly after noon to-day. When nearing Savannah it ran into the storm which is prevailing along the coast.

Last night Admiral Brownson gave a banquet to the officers of the West Virginia and her consorts in honor of the President. The usual Saturday evening band concert aboard was also an enjoyable feature for the President.

The West Virginia and her consorts passed by St. Augustine shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. The vessels were nearly one hundred miles off the coast, Mayor Boyce, in behalf of the citizens of St. Augustine, sent a message to the President from this station, offering congratulations and best wishes for a safe and pleasant journey. The message was received and acknowledged.

The station here picked up a number of messages which were being transmitted to the President, most of which were words of congratulation and best wishes from Governors and high officials all over the country.

The presidential fleet was reported off Savannah about 7 o'clock this afternoon. The ships were well out to sea and making remarkable speed, notwithstanding the high winds.

Chief Electrician Eldkins, in charge of the station here, states that the weather, while cloudy and blustery, has been ideal for transmitting and receiving the wireless messages. He has had no difficulty in receiving and sending messages at distances ranging from 100 to nearly 1,000 miles.

The President's voyage is proving an excellent test for the wireless service along the coast. From all reports, it has proven most successful, and is being carefully studied by the President at his leisure at home.

**Message to Behrman.**  
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 29.—Mayor Behrman to-night received the following message from President Roosevelt:

"On board flagship West Virginia, at sea, off Savannah, Ga., Oct. 29th. 'To Mayor Behrman, New Orleans.—I heartily thank you and the city of New Orleans for the magnificent hospitality extended me. (Signed)

**"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."**  
Wireless Felicitations.  
(By Associated Press.)

SAYANNAH, GA., October 29.—The following wireless messages were exchanged to-day between the mayor of Savannah and the President on board the cruiser West Virginia:

"President Theodore Roosevelt, 'On board U. S. S. West Virginia: 'In behalf of the citizens of Savannah, I congratulate you upon your capture of the Southern people's hearts and wish you a safe return to the capital. (Signed) HERMAN MYERS, Mayor of Savannah.' 'U. S. Flagship West Virginia, October 29, 1905. 'Mayor Herman Myers, Savannah, Ga.: 'I thank you and the citizens of Savannah for the hearty welcome. (Signed) 'THEODORE ROOSEVELT.' 'There was only about an hour's time intervening between the sending of the message from the mayor and the receipt of the reply by President Roosevelt.

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## FORMER LABOR LEADER IS HEIR TO A MILLION

Having Had a Romantic Career, a Western Wanderer Now Must 'Settle Down.'

(By Associated Press.)  
VIOLA, WYO., October 29.—Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick and two children have left for Appleton, Wis., where McCormick will assume charge of a vast estate left by his father, who died last week. The career of McCormick is full of interest. He was formerly a labor leader during the great Pullman strike in Chicago, but the Federal troops ordered out by President Cleveland, he gained considerable fame for his role as a firebrand in Chicago, but finally moved to Omaha, organized a party of colonists and moved to this section. He tried ranching, later became a mail driver, then a saloon keeper, and finally engaged in the stock business. He was married to Miss Jennie Hixson, a beautiful daughter of the prominent New York family, even his wedding having the romantic feature of a Loch-invar elopement.

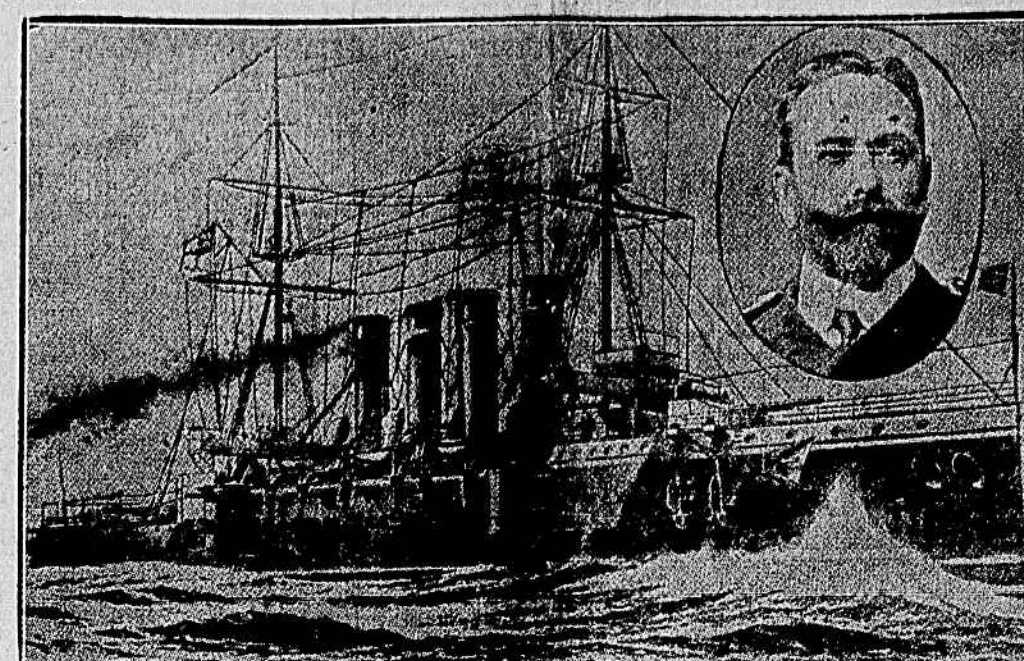
The only division in his father's will is that the son will give up his nomadic life and return with his wife and children to Appleton to live. The fortune left to him by his father, a ranchman, is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

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## BRITISH STEAMSHIP HELD UP AT THE CAPES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., October 29.—The British steamship *Amsterdams*, from New Orleans, en route to the Cape of Good Hope, but was not allowed to pass the quarantine station till she had been examined.

## Prince Louis of Battenburg and Flagship Drake.



HALIFAX, N. S., October 29.—Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg arrived yesterday from New Brunswick, to remain until Monday, when, with four of the ships of his fleet, he will sail for Annapolis. Thence Prince Louis will go to Washington.

It has been planned that the two ships of the squadron now at St. John shall join the other four on their way South to engage in a special trial. It is expected that the prince's flagship, the Drake, will show at least twenty-five knots, and the others not less than twenty-two.

## ORPHANS NEARLY BURIED ALIVE

Heroic Work of Attendants at Fire Which Envelopes Catholic Home at Raleigh.

## NONE KILLED, MANY INJURED

Flames Cut Off Egress, and Bed-ridden Priest and Children Jump to Ground.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., October 29.—As a result of a fire that broke out in the four-story orphanage here early this morning that building is completely gutted and at least four of the twelve persons who were sleeping in the building are seriously, and one or more fatally injured. They are Elvin Buffalo, of this county; John Glavish, of Columbus county; Timothy Wallace, of New York and Father O'Brien, who is chaplain of the orphanage.

Buffalo and Glavish were sleeping on the fourth floor and when awakened dashed to the window and climbed out on the roof. Wallace ran down, but when he got out and saw two boys on the roof he ran back, made his way through the smoke and fire to the roof in the hope of rescuing them. However, their only hope was to jump 45 feet to the ground. Mattresses were spread for them.

Wallace landed without very serious injuries, but Buffalo and Glavish missed the mattress, Glavish had his face, neck and arms badly burned, both ankles broken or sprained and several ribs broken. Buffalo had his shoulder and

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## INSPECT THEIR MINE; 5 OFFICIALS KILLED

Unaccountable Death of Pittsburg and Westmoreland Coal Company Officers.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, PA., October 29.—Five minor officials of the Pittsburg and Westmoreland Coal Company gave up their lives at 12:30 o'clock this morning when they entered the Hazel Kirk Mine, No. 1, of the company, at Hazel Kirk, Pa., eighteen miles east of this city, to ascertain if a portion of the mine was still burning as a result of an explosion two weeks ago. The dead are: JOHN HORNBY, superintendent; DANIEL GRIFITH, foreman; JOSEPH HUNTER, and HENRY CLAYBORNE, fire bosses. All are married, with large families, and were men of considerable means.

All Killed Instantly.  
As the five men approached the portion of the mine which was burning, they became aware that the water had not been turned down the shaft. They decided to extinguish the blaze. They decided to tear down the bulkhead erected to confine the fire to one entry of the mine. Just as the covering was removed there was a terrific explosion, and the five men were blown different ways, all being instantly killed. Andrew Roder was so badly burned he died a few hours later, having reached the bottom of the shaft, gave the alarm, and when rescuers found the unfortunate men all were dead.

John B. Hornby, the dead general superintendent, was one of the original owners of Hazel Kirk mines No. 1 and No. 2, and is reported to have received nearly \$2 million dollars for his holdings when the corporation was formed. His brother, Luke, is general manager of the M. A. Hanna estate coal property at Cleveland, Ohio. His brother, George, is general manager of the Massillon field, and another brother, Frederick, is general superintendent of the Dilandale field, all affiliated Hanna properties.

The mine is on fire, and those in charge say the damage will reach thousands of dollars, and the mine may be doomed. No miners are entombed.

## Sunday's Times-Dispatch Published

2,123 inches paid advertisements.  
A trifle more than 101 columns.  
623 paid advertisements, including—  
29 advertisements for male help.  
23 advertisements for female help.  
3 male or female help.  
33 agents and salesmen.  
272 other miscellaneous want ads.  
The Times-Dispatch maintains the highest standards of news and advertising service, and is Virginia's leading newspaper.

## KILLED, WAITING TO BE INITIATED

Fatal Accident Precedes Rite of Admission Into Delta Kappa Epsilon.

## STUDENTS ARE NOT BLAMED

Stuart Pierson's Mangled Body Found, and Rumors Had Been Tied to Railroad Track.

(By Associated Press.)  
GAMBIER, O., Oct. 29.—While awaiting initiation into a Greek letter fraternity last night Stuart L. Pierson, freshman at Kenyon College, was killed by a Cleveland, Akron and Columbus train. No blame thus far attaches to the fraternity.

According to members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Pierson had been told to station himself at the foot of an abutment of a railroad bridge and await the coming of a committee to take him to the fraternity house for initiation. When the committee went to the bridge, an hour later, Pierson was not there. His mangled body was found on the railroad track on the bridge. How he came to be on the bridge the students do not know, they say.

Rumors were afloat to-day that Pierson had been tied to the railroad track by the initiators, but the fraternity men emphatically deny that such a thing was done, or even contemplated.

Pierson was a son of L. N. Pierson, a business man of College Hill, Cincinnati. Mr. Pierson, Sr., is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and had come to attend the initiation of his son. The body of the student was taken to the home of President Pierce, of Kenyon College, and prepared for burial. It was taken to Cincinnati this morning on a special train. Mr. Pierson, Sr., told members of the fraternity that he did not attach any blame to them.

## WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 6 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 6 are as follows:  
2 Trades, 1 Salesman,  
1 Domestic, 2 Miscellaneous  
This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## FIRE DESTROYS LARGE THEATRE

Academy of Music in Danville Swept By Flames Yesterday.

## DID STATE HAND LOSE LIFE?

Reported That Man Was Burned to Death—Origin of Fire Unknown.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 29.—The Academy of Music, the only theatre in Danville, was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The loss is between \$10,000 and \$15,000, and the insurance about \$10,000. One of the stage hands, Jim Robertson, a white man, is reported to have lost his life in the flames, but this is believed to be incorrect.

The theatre building was occupied in part by the Westmoreland Hotel. The hotel section was saved, but the remainder totally destroyed. The fire began about 5 A. M., the flames bursting from the roof just above the stage. The origin of the blaze is shrouded in mystery. The theatre had not been in use since last Tuesday night, and there had been no fire in the furnaces since that time.

Several of the stage hands have been in the habit of sleeping in the rear of the place. All have been accounted for with the exception of Robertson. The men came and went at their will, and it is possible that Robertson may have been in the building at the time it was burned. The report that he lost his life seems to have no other foundation than that he is missing. No charges.

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## WOUNDED SHERIFF DIES AS ASSASSIN IS HUNG

Officer Gives Up Life When Negro is Lynched for Double Murder.

(By Associated Press.)  
RAINBIDGE, GA., October 29.—Sheriff Stegall died this morning at 11 o'clock from the wounds received from Gas Goodman, the negro who had killed a woman, and who shot the sheriff while resisting arrest.

At the hour the sheriff died the coroner's jury was holding an inquest over the body of Goodman, which had been cut down from the pole on which he had been hanged by the mob. The verdict was that the negro had come to his death at the hands by parties to the jury unknown.

## STEAM TUG LABELLED IN NORFOLK ON SUNDAY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., October 29.—The United States marshal served a liber for \$2,000 on the steam tug *Britannia*, and took possession of her. She had just arrived in the harbor for the purpose of towing the schooner *Demie French* to Baltimore, Md. The schooner had started a leak during a storm and put back here with seven feet of water in her hold. The libel is issued by the Standard Dredging Company of Baltimore, for the loss of two screws last August, which the *Britannia* had been employed to tow from Charleston, S. C., to Baltimore.

The screws broke their fastenings during a storm and after taking the crews off were abandoned and were lost on the Currituck shore, N. C. The libel on Sunday is unusual, but in admiralty the laws of the State do not prevail. The United States Court from issuing an injunction process. Captain Dams, of the *Britannia*, says he will give the tug and the schooner to the tug owner and will the schooner with her cargo of coal out as soon as the gale subsides.

Not Name Mexican Cardinal Yet.  
MEXICO CITY, October 29.—It is stated that the cardinal will be named from this country until contingent events have been realized. This announcement contradicts the rumor that at the December consistory in Rome one of the noted prelates here would receive the red cap.

## DRESS SUIT CASE MYSTERY CLEARED

Dismembered Body of Girl Identified By Fingerprint Rings Found.

## KNOWN ON STAGE AS ETHEL DURRELL

When Last Seen Alive She Complained of Pain in Her Side. Morris Nathan, Her Fiance, and Member of Her Company Arrested for Crime.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, October 29.—That the dismembered body found in a suit case at Winthrop on September 21st is that of Susan Geary, of Cambridge, is the belief of the girl's family and friends, and of the Boston police department. Miss Geary, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Geary, was a chorus girl of "The Shepherd King Company," and was known on the stage as Ethel Durrell. She was twenty-one years of age. Mrs. Geary to-day identified three rings taken from the right hand found in the second dress suit case picked up near the New Charleston bridge on Friday last as those worn by her daughter when she absented herself from the theatrical company on September 10th. Confirmation of Miss Geary's disappearance from the company came from Morris Nathan, secretary to the manager of the company, and to whom Miss Geary was engaged. Mr. Nathan is now in Pittsburg, Pa., coming to Nathan, Miss Geary parted from him on the boat of terms the day after the company closed its last engagements in this city, and he supposed, he said, that he should see her at the next performance in Lowell on the following day. Instead, however, a message received by the company's manager from P. A. Smith, M. D., Boston, which stated that "Miss Durrell" was suffering from stomach trouble and would be unable to report for several days.

**Positive Identification.**  
Miss Geary dropped out of sight after that, and so far as the police are concerned they have been unable to find any one who either saw or communicated with the girl. Ten days later, on September 21st, a dress suit case in which was the torso of a young woman was found floating in the harbor near the Winthrop Yacht Club, about three miles below the city, and on Friday last another suit case containing the arms and legs of the victim was taken from the water off the city docks, near the New Charleston bridge, over the Charleston River.

On the fingers of the right hand were three rings, which gave the police the first tangible clue in the case. It was then found that Mrs. Geary had a missing daughter, whose description tallied with that of the suit case victim. Mrs. Geary and her two daughters described the rings and a photograph of the girl identified them as belonging to Susan Geary.

The police then turned their attention to search for the person responsible for the disappearance of the body, but so far little progress in that direction has been made.

**Surgeon Cut Up Body.**  
Mrs. Geary declared to-day that when she last saw her daughter the latter complained of pains in the side, and Mrs. Geary suggested to her that she might have been operated upon for appendicitis and that the doctor being unsuccessful in the operation cut her up.

A soon after Mrs. Geary's suspicions were confirmed by the description of the rings a message was sent to Mr. Nathan at Pittsburg asking him to come to Boston and bring the hole signed "P. A. Smith, M. D., Boston."

Nathan states that when Miss Durrell did not appear for the performance on the investigation was started in order to locate Smith, but that no trace of him could be found. Since then Nathan has been in frequent communication with Mrs. Geary, and it is said, urged her to notify the police of the disappearance of her daughter, and bring the hole signed, however, on account of the notoriety.

**May Make An Arrest.**  
PITTSBURG, Oct. 29.—Detectives will likely make an arrest to-night in this case.

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## WATER MAIN BURSTS; THREE LIVES LOST

Scores of Families Made Homeless and Much Property Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Three lives were lost, property valued at \$150,000 was destroyed, scores of families were made homeless and freight traffic on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad was delayed for several hours on account of breaking of a three-foot water main at Eighteenth and Clarke Streets to-day. Water from the burst water-pipe flooded several houses, and destroyed a number of business houses and residences.

## SO. RY. OFFICIALS TO MEET THOSE OF I. C. RY.

(By Associated Press.)  
KNOXVILLE, TENN., October 29.—President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, accompanied by First Vice-President Andrews, Second Vice-President Finley, Third Vice-President Campbell, Fourth Vice-President Ackert, Fifth Vice-President Powell, General Manager Spencer, General Counsel Thon, Comptroller Plant, General Passenger Agent Hartwick, General Freight Agent Browder, Freight Traffic Manager Green, and other officials of the Southern, left this morning for Nashville, where they are booked to meet officials of the Illinois Central Railroad for a conference regarding matters connected with the Tennessee Central, of which line the Southern and Illinois Central have recently taken control. All details regarding the future of the recently acquired line are expected to be settled at this conference. They expect to remain several days in Nashville.

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## RUSSIAN REGIME TOTTERS IN FALL

Notwithstanding Streets Filled, Government Is Powerless.

## GENERAL TREPOFF AND WHITE FALL OUT

Emperor Inactive Behind Closed Doors, While His Guard Threatens to Join the Strikers—Over 100 Persons Killed or Wounded

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, October 29.—A dispatch to the Standard from Odessa, dated 7 P. M., October 29th, says:

A clash between the military and a crowd of students and strikers occurred an hour ago in Tiraspol'skaya Street. The soldiers, without warning, fired point blank into the people, killing twenty and wounding sixty. The students are holding a stormy convocation at the university. It is reported from Kiev that three regiments have been ordered to the southwestern province, and there are alarming reports here of the doubtful fidelity of three battalions of infantry.

(By Associated Press.)  
STOCKHOLM, October 29.—It is reported that the Russian priest, Father Gapon, who was active in the troubles at St. Petersburg in January of this year, has left Christiana for the continent.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, October 29.—A dispatch to a news agency from Odessa says there have been two serious conflicts there between the troops and a mob, in which twenty-seven persons were killed and ninety wounded. The dispatch adds that quiet was restored at 7 o'clock this evening.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, October 29, 7:15 P. M.—The employees of the chief telegraph office here have declared a three days' strike. All incoming service is stopped.

(By Associated Press.)  
ODESSA, October 29, 5:35 P. M.—Cossacks here commenced firing on the crowds of workers and students who had barricaded street corners with street railway poles and furniture.

At one point a volley from the Cossacks killed one student, three workmen and a girl, and wounded eighteen persons. The Cossacks, in the result of the strike, says that the first stone throwing at the military will be the signal for the troops to fire.

The Governor asked St. Petersburg for authority to proclaim martial law, but has not received an answer.

All the troops in the squares are full of Cossacks and police. Citizens have formed a committee for public defense.

(By Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, October 29.—Nineteen wounded men have been brought to the University. The result of the strike, says that the first stone throwing at the military will be the signal for the troops to fire.

The Governor-General has issued a proclamation warning the royalists who wish to attack the liberals that this will not be permitted.

The city is entirely isolated. Prices of food are mounting higher and higher.

(By Associated Press.)  
TIFLIS, October 29.—Complete disorder reigns here. There is rifle firing against the patrols in many quarters of the city. A bomb thrown at a policeman, a military train outside the city, and number of Cossacks killed.

The strike is complete on all railroads in the Caucasus. All the stores and offices are closed. Even the employees of the State institutions and the headquarters of the Vice-Royalty have struck.

(By Associated Press.)  
ODESSA, October 29.—The feeling is most intense. Rifle and revolver firing is heard all about the town.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, October 29.—While the day passed quietly without bloodshed in the Russian capital, and while the city is outwardly calm, to-day's developments all indicate that a crisis is imminent. Although the streets are filled with troops and reinforcements are being sent from the provinces, the government seems utterly powerless to cope with the situation, and many calm observers seem seriously to believe that the present regime is tottering to its fall.

Differences have developed between Count Witte and General Trepooff, and while the Emperor is nominally in command, the Emperor is surrounded by the Imperial family, remains shut up at Peterhof.

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## QUAKER CITY BOSSES STEAL \$6,330,000

Experts Make Sensational Statement Regarding Extent of Republican Graft.